

Amendments To The Claims:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (New): A rivet for securing a first member to a second member, the rivet comprising:

a head portion having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a body portion including a piercing edge projecting outwardly away from the bottom surface of the head portion, wherein the body portion defines a boundary surface at least partially surrounding an interior cavity; and

an adhesive in a flowable state normally disposed within the interior cavity, wherein at least a portion of the adhesive is adapted to flow out of the interior cavity and across an exterior surface of the body portion upon application of compressive force to the adhesive during insertion of the piercing edge through the first member and the second member such that said at least a portion of the adhesive forms an adhesive bond between the exterior surface and the first and second members.

19. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the body portion comprises a plurality of radial passages extending between the interior cavity and the exterior surface for transporting the adhesive from the interior cavity to the exterior surface.

20. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 19, further comprising a plurality of longitudinal channels disposed along the boundary surface in transverse orientation to said radial

passages.

21. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the rivet is at least partially formed from steel.

22. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the rivet is at least partially formed from aluminum.

23. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the rivet is at least partially formed from magnesium.

24. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the body portion has an open terminal end inboard of the piercing edge.

25. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the adhesive is a heat curing adhesive.

26. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 18, wherein the adhesive is an epoxy.

27. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 26, wherein the epoxy is characterized by a cure temperature in the range of about 130°C to about 220° C.

28. (New): A rivet for securing a first member to a second member, the rivet comprising:

a head portion having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a deformable body portion including a piercing edge projecting outwardly away from the bottom surface of the head portion, wherein the body portion has an open terminal end inboard of the piercing edge, the body portion defining a boundary surface at least partially surrounding an interior cavity in radial relation to the interior cavity; and

an adhesive in a flowable state normally disposed within the interior cavity, wherein at least a portion of the adhesive is adapted to flow out of the interior cavity and across an exterior surface of the body portion upon application of compressive force to the adhesive during insertion of the piercing edge through the first member and the second member such that said at least a portion of the adhesive forms an adhesive bond between the exterior surface and the first and second members.

29. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 28, wherein the body portion comprises a plurality of radial passages extending between the interior cavity and the exterior surface for transporting the adhesive from the interior cavity to the exterior surface.

30. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 29, further comprising a plurality of longitudinal channels disposed along the boundary surface in transverse orientation to said radial passages.

31. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 28, wherein the rivet is at least partially formed from steel.

32. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 28, wherein the rivet is at least partially formed from aluminum.

33. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 38, wherein the rivet is at least partially formed from magnesium.

34. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 28, wherein the adhesive is a heat curing adhesive.

35. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 28, wherein the adhesive is an epoxy.

36. (New): The rivet as recited in claim 26, wherein the epoxy is characterized by a cure temperature in the range of about 130°C to about 220° C.

37. (New): A rivet for securing a first member to a second member, the rivet comprising:

a head portion having a top surface and a bottom surface;

a deformable metallic body portion of substantially annular cross-section including a piercing edge projecting outwardly away from the bottom surface of the head portion, wherein

the body portion has an open terminal end inboard of the piercing edge, and wherein the body portion defines a boundary surface at least partially surrounding an interior cavity in radial relation to the interior cavity, and wherein the body portion includes a plurality of radial passages extending between the interior cavity and the exterior surface; and

a heat cureable adhesive in a flowable state normally disposed within the interior cavity, wherein at least a portion of the adhesive is adapted to flow out of the interior cavity, through said radial passages and across an exterior surface of the body portion upon application of compressive force to the adhesive during insertion of the piercing edge through the first member and the second member such that said at least a portion of the adhesive forms an adhesive bond between the exterior surface and the first and second members.